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Manchester to host COVID clinic, partners with local organizations

Up to 500 members of the Manchester University community can be accommodated at a COVID-19 vaccination clinic next week. Manchester is teaming up with the Wabash County vaccine clinic, which is a partnership of the City of Wabash, the Wabash County Emergency Management Agency, the Town of North Manchester and Parkview Wabash Hospital. The MU clinic will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, for the first dose, and 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, for the second dose, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash.

Marion Philharmonic Orchestra presents 'Woodwind Quintet' performances

Marion Philharmonic Orchestra concerts will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 11 and Sunday, April 18. These two free concerts, with donations encouraged, will be held at one of the newer venues in Marion: the Sender Building, in the Reception Room at 100 S. Washington St. Masks are encouraged and in keeping with social distancing, the same concert will be presented two

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Wabash County remains at yellow COVID-19 advisory level

Officially encourage vaccinations as fears rise over increased cases, variants

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

For the second week in a row, Wabash County remained in the yellow advisory category on the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) dashboard.

The results are as of 11:59 p.m. Monday, April 5. The county metrics map is

updated at noon Wednesdays and reflects data through the previous Sunday.

This is the second week in a row rising local cases have caused Wabash County to be classified in the yellow, or second-lowest, category. That's after several weeks of Wabash County being classified as being the blue, or lowest, category.

Hoosiers age 16 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Appointments are still available at the mass vaccination site at Roosevelt Park in Gary and the mobile site in Michigan City, as well as others. Those two sites, and an additional mobile site in Merrillville, opened April 7, and 5,685 doses have been administered in the first two days.

During the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, North Manchester Town Council president Alan Mir-

acle said he hoped everyone who was able to be vaccinated would take advantage to combat the rising number of cases.

"I'm glad to see numbers were going down, but they are kind of going back up. Everyone has a chance to get vaccinated at this point," said Miracle. "I would encourage any town employees to consider it. If you haven't, I would encourage anybody to get these things. My concern is that if a lot of people don't that there will still be cases.

People like me that have had both vaccinations I feel like I'm fairly safe and I'm not too concerned about it, but who knows, if there's a lot of people who don't get vaccinated there could possibly be some variants come around or change. We don't know how this thing could change as it goes along."

As of Friday, a total of 3,268,764 doses have been administered in Indiana. This includes 1,916,401 first doses

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Braun tours White's



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

On Wednesday, Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, visits White's Residential and Family Services.

After visit, senator weighs in on infrastructure bill, immigration, vaccinations

By ROB BURGESS

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During the current Senate recess, senators have been making their way back to their home states, and Wabash was the site of two separate visits during the past week.

On Monday, Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, met with local business leaders at the Grow Wabash County offices.

And on Wednesday, Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, visited White's Residential and Family Services.

Among the locations on

campus Braun visited was the 50 East Garden Center and Cafe, "a really killer cafe and coffee shop," said director of donor stewardship Shane Whybrew.

Next door was the Growing Teens for Life vocational program, which includes a hydroponic farming system.

In October 2020, the program was one of 21 of the Indianapolis NBA All-Star Legacy Committee's \$50,000 grant recipients.

"We're selling the stuff we're growing, in addition to using it in the cafeteria for our students. If you come to

get a salad, here it's what we grow," said Whybrew.

After touring those two facilities, Braun made his way to the Compass Rose Academy, which has been under construction since the groundbreaking in August 2020.

Once his scheduled visit had concluded, Braun took a few minutes to discuss several pressing national issues.

Braun said he was very concerned about President Joe Biden's proposed infrastructure bill and the associated costs.

"In my new job nobody

worries about that like we do running an entity, a business, a public school system, a state or local government," said Braun. "All of that is part of what I think confuses folks to where they look to the federal government as a solution."

Braun said he was concerned about the future consequences of approving billions in new spending.

"Everything that Biden has proposed, it's just piling onto that because we're not offsetting any spending," said Braun. "And that all is OK

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Visit Wabash County plans historic buildings tour for May

The event will highlight three storied locations in North Manchester

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Spring is in the air, and Visit Wabash County has once again begun planning a tour of local historic buildings, this time in North Manchester.

On Friday, Visit Wabash County marketing manager Whitney Millsaugh said tickets for the Historic Buildings Trolley No. 85 Tour would go on sale beginning on Tuesday, April 13.

Millsaugh said in partnership with the North Manchester Center for History, participants will receive "an exclusive tour" of three "historic, beautiful properties" in North Manchester.

The tour will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 8. The cost will be \$25 per person and

will begin at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St., Wabash.

"Calling all history lovers or anyone looking for a unique, exclusive Wabash County experience," said Millsaugh. "This historic tour will give you a closer look at these three incredible North Manchester properties."

The buildings included in the tour will be:

■ The Union Block and Straus Building: This building was heavily damaged by a fire in 2016. "Feast your eyes on the power of a completed, beautiful restoration," said Millsaugh.

■ The Tower House: "Get a rare tour of this Victorian-style home that is currently undergoing a jaw-dropping, massive renovation project," said Millsaugh.

■ The L.Z. Bunker House: "Experience the beauty of this large, brick Italianate home that is currently going through a full historic renovation," said Millsaugh.



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The L.Z. Bunker House will be one of the three buildings featured during the tour.

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“This will be a separate request in the future if grants are awarded to the town,” said Penrod.

Penrod said Apex Consulting and Surveying in Fort Wayne had “always given very conservative pricing in the past and we expect their work will come in under budget.”

In a March 31 letter to Penrod, Apex Surveying engineering manager Aaron J. Ott said they would begin the surveying and design work “to meet the desired bidding timeline for the projects if and when they are awarded.”

The following is the list of the requested projects included in the proposal. The first six listed will require milling, resurfacing, partial and full-depth patching as needed and curb and sidewalk replacement “where they are failing and upgrade (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) ramps which do not meet current standards.” The final four listed will include the milling, resurfacing and partial and full-depth patching only:

- 1. Colfax Street: Railroad

- tracks to Half Street
- 2. South Buffalo Street: South Street to Main Street (Indiana 114)
- 3. High Street: Colfax Street to Grant Street
- 4. Grant Street: High Street to Buffalo Street
- 5. North Buffalo Street: Second Street to Peabody Drive
- 6. North Maple Street: Main Street to Ninth Street
- 7. Snyder Street: Shopping Center to Fourth Street
- 8. West Street: Thorn Street to Fourth Street
- 9. Fourth Street: Strauss Provimi Road to West Street
- 10. Cecil Street: Park Avenue to Pony Creek Road

“Apex will provide technical expertise and engineering support services to assist the town with developing the appropriate construction plans and specifications for bidding, as well as assistance with the bid administration process,” said Ott.

Ott said the tentative schedule for bids will need to be received for a scheduled bid opening no later than June. The tentative date that the documents need to be completed for advertisement is May.

Ott said the fees would not exceed \$20,450.

The council then approved

the measure unanimously. Through the CCMG program, INDOT matches up to \$1 million annually when localities invest in road and bridge repairs. Counties with populations fewer than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations fewer than 10,000 receive a 75 percent to 25 percent match, while counties with populations of greater than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations of greater than 10,000 receive a 50 percent to 50 percent match.

During the first round of 2020 CCMG awards in April 2020, LaFontaine and North Manchester were both awarded funding.

In December 2020, Penrod said the projects for which the funds were slated were the Phase II reconstruction of Wayne Street, the mill and resurfacing of West Main Street and crack sealing 10 different street segments.

In September 2020, Penrod said they would be waiting until January 2021 to apply again as they had already received the maximum amount for 2020 during the first round.

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TOUR

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On Friday, executive director Christine Flohr said this sort of tour had become something of a tradition covering different local historical buildings.

“Over the last few years, historic tours have taken

place throughout the county,” said Flohr. “Each year we select different areas to highlight.”

Flohr said they would follow local COVID-19 protocols during the event.

“We will be encouraging masks when social distancing cannot be maintained but we will not require them unless the

mandates issued by the state or the city change,” said Flohr.

For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/trolley-tours or call 260-563-7171. Payment is due upon registration.

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5-Day Weather Summary

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| Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Showers Likely | Few Showers | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy | Partly Cloudy |
| 70 / 47 | 62 / 45 | 66 / 43 | 60 / 40 | 59 / 41 |

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:16 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:11 a.m.

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| New | First | Full | Last |
| 4/11 | 4/20 | 4/26 | 5/3 |

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 80% chance of showers, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 66%. South southeast wind 9 to 18 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 47°. South southwest wind 16 mph.

COVID-19

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and 1,352,363 individuals who are fully vaccinated. The fully vaccinated number represents individuals who have received a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines and those who received the single Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

To schedule a vaccine, visit <https://ourshot.in.gov> or call 211 if you do not have access to a computer or require assistance. Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccines become available.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH's long-term care facilities dashboard was updated at noon Wednesday, April 7 with information as of Wednesday, March 31.

During the latest update, in Wabash County:

■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported 10 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 50 staff positive cases.

■ Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported 54 total resident positive cases, 14 total resident deaths and 125 staff positive cases.

■ Wellbrooke of Wabash reported 35 total resident positive cases, 13 total resident deaths and 33 staff positive cases.

■ Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 20 total positive cases, fewer than

five total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.

■ Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 37 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 28 staff positive cases.

■ Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in LaFontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 16 total resident deaths and 16 staff positive cases.

■ Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash East reported 50 total resident positive cases, eight total resident deaths and 32 staff positive cases.

■ Miller's Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 13 staff positive cases.

Local figures

■ On Wednesday, the ISDH reported five new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,433, with 14,725 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4.3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 13 percent.

■ On Thursday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,436, with 14,741 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 14.3 percent.

■ On Friday, the ISDH re-

ported seven new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 3,443, with 14,768 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.4 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 12.6 percent.

Statewide figures

On Friday, the ISDH announced that 1,374 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 696,175 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard.

To date, 12,726 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 16 from the previous day. Another 405 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

A total of 3,294,837 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,290,645 on Thursday. A total of 9,152,768 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the state Department of Health since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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BRAUN

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in the short run, especially when we're the only reserve currency when we do print our money so to speak by borrowing it freely where you wouldn't be able to do that if you perform like they do. No issues in the near-term, even the mid-term, but I'm worried about the long-term which is what most people don't worry about and then you get caught in real pickles when you have that short-sighted view.”

Braun also discussed the recent trip to the southern border he made along with other Republican lawmakers a few days before.

“It's a classic example of political discord as well,” said Braun. “The underlying issues which will be comprehensive immigration reform in my opinion have to be predicated on a secure border. Because people making that long trek and the journey it's out of desperation. They should never be put in peril to make that journey in the first place.”

Braun said he supported

former President Donald Trump's border wall and immigration policy and was concerned about Biden's recent moves on this issue.

“It was working in terms of at least keeping folks from putting themselves in harm's way. Cooperating with Mexico and the northern triangle countries, and it was completely undone because of the politics,” said Braun. “I was talking to the border patrol, they said even though you ideally wouldn't want a wall, you needed one if you were going to keep some type of order at the border, and that was arbitrarily discontinued and you put the welcome mat out by campaigning on it and actually once you're elected, even reinforcing it. We've got a humanitarian crisis that sadly could be fixed immediately by going back to what was working.”

On the topic of COVID-19 vaccinations, Braun told Business Insider's Azmi Haroun in March that he hadn't received his shot yet despite being eligible.

On Wednesday, Braun wouldn't comment further on his vaccination status, but said

that he supported people's rights to choose whether or not to make an appointment.

“That is by far the variable that has put us into a place where we can get back to normal and recommend it across the board. Had it not been encouraged by the prior administration, the CDC and FDA would be fumbling around with the whole process and that's where the entrepreneurial approach of doing something different worked,” said Braun. “But when you cross the threshold of vaccine passports and you try to invade any individual's privacy or the several reasons one may not want to do that individually ... in some cases due to autoimmune issues, allergies, maybe a deeply held religious belief. It doesn't make any difference. The ultimate decision should be an individual one. And never mandated by a government. That's the statement I made. And I won't go any further on that. It's a question of big government vs. individual liberty.”

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Obituaries

Wanda Denney

Jan. 27, 1938 – April 7, 2021

Wanda Lou Allen Denney, 83, of Wabash, Indiana, died 7:04 am, Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at her home. She was born on Jan. 27, 1938, in Wabash, to Ovid and Marguerite (Thomas) McKinley.

Wanda was a retired rural letter carrier on rural route 4 in Wabash. She also drove a school bus for Metropolitan School District of Wabash County, and was also the co-founder for Allen Feeds. She first married Lloyd Allen on December 29, 1957 in Wabash; he died Sept. 23, 1998. She then married Russell Miller, he also preceded her in death. Wanda then married Donald Denney on June 3, 2011 in Wabash. She was a member of Lagro United Methodist Church and was attending the Wabash Christian Church. She was also a member of the National Rural Letters Association, and Cozy Homemakers Home Ec Club. Wanda enjoyed attending her families many activities and appreciated her time with the Denneys and the Millers.

She is survived by her hus-



band, Donald Denney of Wabash, four children, Roxy (Tony) Roser and Lalon (Tammy) Allen, of Lagro, Lisa (Brent) Paxton of Silver Lake, and Janet (Brian) Chamberlain of Roann, Indiana, 10 grandchildren, Tiffany (Rex) Reimer of North Manchester, Indiana, Amelia Roser of LaFontaine, Indiana, Erica (Jim) Vogel of North Manchester, Morgan (Brett) Williams of Lagro, Levi (Melissa) Allen of Wabash, Kate Myers of Roann, Garrett Paxton and Russell Paxton, both of Silver Lake, Indiana, Tra-

vis (Allison) Chamberlain of Urbana, and Tanner (Sydney) Chamberlain of Wabash, 10 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Ann (William) Deisher of Kirkwood, Illinois, and Jane (David) Mann of Wabash, and sister-in-law, Janet (Bill) Kirkpatrick of Andrews, Indiana. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and great-granddaughter, Gretchen Elise Williams.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Brian Chamberlain officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery, Lagro. Friends may call 3-7 pm, Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to any of the churches Wanda attended in her lifetime, Asbury Country Church, Lagro United Methodist Church, College Corner Brethren Church, or Wabash Christian Church.

The memorial guest book for Wanda may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Rob Frank

Funeral services for Rod Frank, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, were 10:30 am, Friday, April 9, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Scott Johnston officiated. Poem

read by Kami Frank.

Special memories shared by daughter, Abby Rhoads, son, Bradley Frank, and grandchildren, Tyce and Kasen Frank, and father-in-law, John Boardman. Pallbearers were Scott

Alber, Dave Sausaman, Rex Forbes, Mark Keen, Charles Kelley, and Kevin Connelly. Honorary pallbearers were Rick Schmidt and Erik Herendeen. Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash.

Alice Martin

April 7, 2021

Alice L. Martin, 93, of Wabash, passed away at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, April

12, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992 with Pastor David Phillips officiating. Burial will follow at Falls Cemetery in Wabash.

Calling hours for fami-

ly and friends will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at the funeral home. Recitation of the Rosary will follow at 5 p.m.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Donabell V. Moore

Funeral services were held for Donabell V. Moore, 90, of LaFontaine on Monday, April 5, 2021 at McDonald Funeral Homes, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46992.

Family members officiated the services, sharing memories and Bible verses. They also led singing and played several songs. Burial followed at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion. Pallbearers were Donabell's

sons, Ron Moore, Steve Moore, and grandchildren, Benjamin Moore, Rebecca Moore, Austin Taylor and Zach Taylor.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Esta Wheatley

Funeral services for Esta C. Wheatley, 79, of rural Wabash, Indiana, were 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 8, 2021, at Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Wabash.

Pastor Terry Hinds officiated,

Emily France was the pianist and special music by vocalists, Dylan Persinger, Heather Daniel, and Daisy Sparks.

Special memories by son-in-law, Bryan Beeks. Pallbearers were Josh Butcher,

Nathan Welch, Mike Mang, Larry Coan, Matt Cohen, and Chris Wheatley. Burial was in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Marcella Jean Booth

Marcella Jean Booth, 72, of Wabash, died Thursday, April 8, 2021, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Services 2:00 pm Friday, calling one hour prior. Burial in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

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times to keep audiences small. Concert-goers will need to visit mpomarion.org to make the required reservation for whichever date they prefer or call 765-662-0012 or email mpo.marion@gmail.com.

Woman's Clubhouse plans April luncheon and program

The Woman's Clubhouse will host Bill Plummer for the Tuesday, April 13 luncheon and program at 770 W. Hill St., according to Ellen Stouffer. Lunch will begin at noon with the program on the Turpentine Creek Animal Sanctuary. The MSD retired teachers are hosting this event called, "Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My!" Reservations for the lunch are due by Friday, April 9 by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold April meeting

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 13 at the Grandstaff-Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be given by Northern District director Andrianne Berger on Civil War music. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for noon Wednesday, April 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Local landmark looks to be added to National Register of Historic Places

The nomination of the 13-24 Drive-In Movie Theater to the National Register of Historic Places will be considered at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 at the City Hall Assembly Room, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of

Elmer Blevins

April 7, 2021

Elmer Blevins, 89, Peru, formerly of North Manchester, passed away April 7, 2021 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru.

The memory of Elmer Blevins will be forever cherished by his sons, Jason Blevins, Fort Wayne, Elmer (Alice Luebke)

Blevins Jr., North Manchester, Rick (Daisy) Blevins, Baltimore, Maryland, Brad Blevins, Kingsport, Tennessee, and Christopher (Karen) Nicolaysen, Ocala, Florida; daughters, Debbie (James) Justice, Wabash, Shair (Byron) Erickson, Sequim, Washington, Crystal

(Greg) Graf, Stout, Ohio; twenty-seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and nine great great-grandchildren.

No services are planned.

The family of Elmer Blevins has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

each month, with the next one scheduled for April 15 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser set for April 17

The Wabash Tri Kappa Spring Gala Fundraiser has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 17 at Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will also be available. COVID-19 precautions will still be in effect during the evening. The purpose of the Spring Gala is to raise scholarship funds for local seniors from Northfield, Southwood and Wabash high schools. Tickets are available from Wabash Tri Kappa members and may also be purchased at Wabash City Hall, 202 S. Wabash St., and the office of Dr. Bing M. Fowler DDS, 1911 S. Wabash St. For more information, call 765-661-8206.

Babe of Wabash County prepares for the grand opening

Babe of Wabash County is finally planning on opening its doors to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 20 at 88 W. Hill St. Once they open, the hours would be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays. The May First Friday open house will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 7 when a tour, refreshments and crafts will be available. Babe T-shirts will soon be available at the Wabash Visitor Center, 221 S Miami St., and at their booth on May's First Friday for \$20. Ford said Babe of Wabash County is 100 percent community-supported. If you are interested in donating to Babe or would like to become a coupon vendor, email babeofwabashinc@gmail.com. Donations to the Babe of Wabash County fund can be made online at cfwabash.org or by check, with Babe of Wabash County in the memo line, sent to the Community Foundation, 105 W. 2nd St., Suite 100, North Manchester, IN 46962.

Wabash Art Guild Members' Art Show returns for 2021

The 61st annual Wabash Art Guild 2021 Members' Art Show will be on display through Sunday, April 25 at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. There will be free admission available for the Clark Gallery during these dates from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The group is also interested in inviting new members who would like to contribute to their works. For more information, call 260-563-7690.

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of "Play On!" by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email

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Shop Hop in Downtown Wabash runs through April

Wabash Marketplace's Shop Hop" in downtown Wabash takes place Thursday, April 1 through Friday, April 30 and includes a chance to win a prize of \$100 Shop Hop Dollars. Take the entry form to each participating business and receive a validation mark, no purchase necessary. Once the entry form is 100 percent completed, participants submit their entry to one of the participating shops or Bickford of Wabash, 3037 W. Division Road. Entry forms must be submitted by 5 pm Friday, April 30. The four businesses participating in Shop Hop are: Borders & Beyond, 24 W. Canal St.; Downtown Nutrition, 70 W. Market St.; Ohh My! Cakes, 2 W. Market St.; and Visit Wabash County, 221 S. Miami St. Entry forms are available at each of the participating businesses and a digital copy of the form is available at www.wabashmarketplace.org. The winner will be selected the week of Monday, May 3.

Local clean-up days announced

Mayor Scott Long said the city was working in conjunction with the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District's annual Spring Tox-Away Day. The city will offer curbside spring cleanup from Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7. Piles for pickup should be no larger than 4 feet by 8 feet for collection by the Street Department personnel. Wabash's Tox-Away Day would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, and that North Manchester's would be set from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 15. The gates will close "promptly" at 1 p.m. on both days.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant's course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty.com/pcmworkshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabashcounty.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Pancake Day planned for June 12

The Wabash Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day 2021 event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 12 at the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and drinks. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 years and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses for Pancake Day are available by contacting Siders by email

at donnasiders@hotmail.com or by calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support for only \$150.

INDOT to begin Indiana 13 and 15 Wabash River bridgework

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced bridge maintenance work over the Wabash River on Indiana 13 and Indiana 15 in Wabash. The northbound lanes between Lafontaine Avenue and Miami Street will be closed to traffic. Motorists should use the posted detour of Lafontaine Avenue, Huntington Street and Market Street. The southbound lanes between Fulton Street and Dimension Avenue will be reduced to one lane because of the work. Petroviak said the work is set to wrap up in July.

Indiana 15 lane closures to last through mid-summer

Alternating lane closures are planned for Indiana 15. The work is happening between Indiana 13 and Wedcor Avenue. Widths will be restricted to 13 feet during the project and that loads wider than 13 feet should seek an alternate route using the nearest numbered state, U.S. or interstate routes. The work is scheduled to wrap up by mid-summer.

COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital "on an ongoing basis." Testing will take place at 8 John Kissingner Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation's foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

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A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

— Galatians 5:22-23

Border crisis needs more than money

Faced with a burgeoning crisis at the southern border, President Joe Biden has pledged to increase economic assistance to countries in Central America's Northern Triangle. He's right to do so. But money alone won't be enough.

The three Northern Triangle countries — Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras — are some of the least developed nations in the Western Hemisphere, with poverty rates twice as high as in the rest of Latin America. The impact of the pandemic and two hurricanes in 2020 compounded the region's misery, displacing hundreds of thousands and causing Central America's economies to shrink by 6 percent. All three countries rank among the most violent and corrupt places on earth. Surveys show that more than 1 in 5 citizens say they've had to pay bribes to receive government services.

The Biden administration has called for providing \$4 billion over four years to the three countries to address the "root causes" of emigration. That's roughly double the amount spent by Donald Trump's administration, which in recent years cut off aid to punish the countries for failing to crack

down on migration. The U.S. has an interest in holding the region's leaders accountable for their citizens' welfare, but amid public-health and environmental calamities, Trump's policy toward Central America was cruel and shortsighted. Wisely, Biden wants to reverse it.

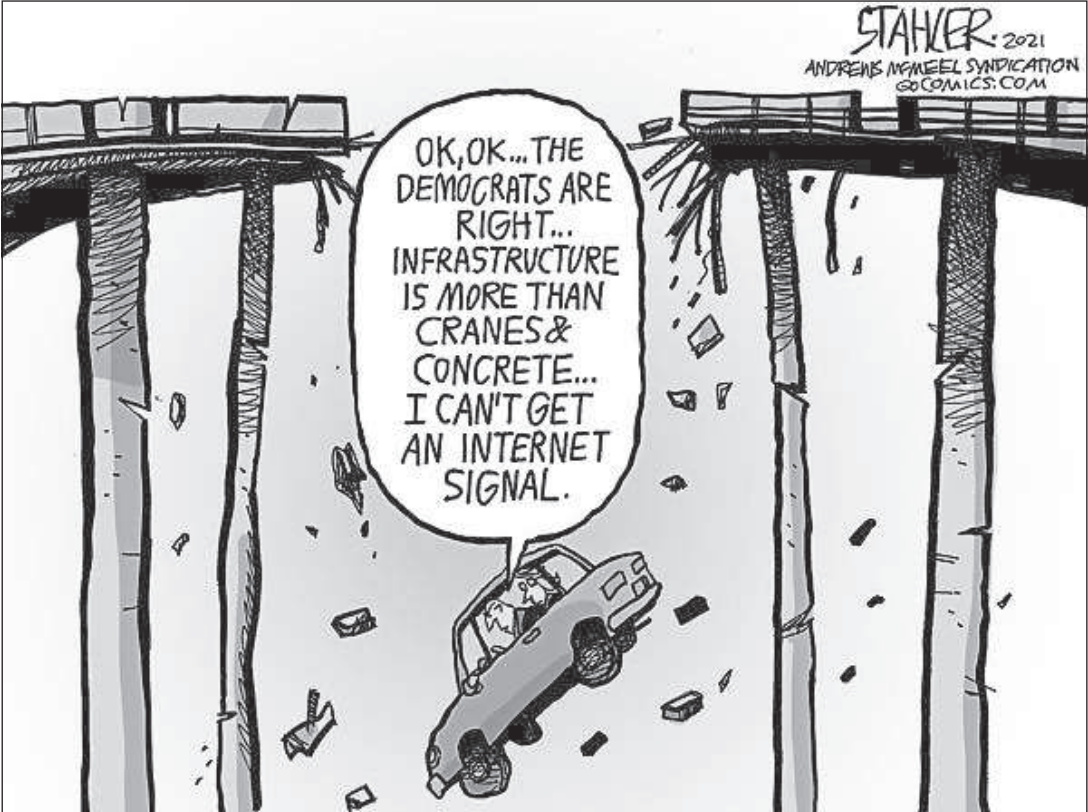
At the same time, the administration should be clear-eyed about what this new assistance can achieve. Although the three countries got about \$2.4 billion in aid between 2013 and 2018, a Government Accountability Office report concluded that "limited information is available about how U.S. assistance improved prosperity, governance, and security in the Northern Triangle." Rather than rely on opaque bureaucracies to administer aid programs, the U.S. should adopt a more targeted approach. Diplomats in the region should work with civil-society groups that promote public transparency and the rule of law. "Place-based" strategies that steer resources to areas that produce the highest numbers of migrants should be expanded. Biden should also boost support for anti-corruption commissions that have effectively exposed cases of embezzlement and

collusion between government officials and organized crime.

Perhaps more important, the U.S. should try to promote economic growth in the three countries. Negotiating digital trade agreements would reduce operating costs for businesses and spur investment in the region's nascent technology sector. Linking the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement with the Central America Free Trade Agreement would encourage companies to re-shore supply chains to the Northern Triangle by giving goods manufactured there duty-free access to the U.S. market. By one estimate, shifting just 5 percent of current investment in supply-chain production from China to Central America would create 1 million jobs in the region.

The factors causing so many to flee the Northern Triangle won't subside overnight — but solving America's border crisis requires that policy makers address them. A strategy that improves governance and promotes opportunity stands the best chance of helping the region's people build better futures at home.

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The case against school choice expansion and in support of K-12 public education

By **TERRY SPRADLIN**

Executive Director, Indiana School Boards Association

The tone of the 2021 budget session of the Indiana General Assembly has been quite different from the last budget session in 2019 when K-12 public education leaders stood with legislative leaders to announce a state budget that devoted \$763 million in new funding for K-12 public education. Fast forward to this session, and it has been one consumed with a contentious debate on the proposed expansion of school choice programs that devote significant funds to private education. Indiana already ranks fifth for spending of state tax dollars on private school programs, but now ranks just 39th in the nation for per-pupil expenditures for public schools and the more than 1 million students we serve — down from 22nd among states in 2004. Why this shift in legislative priority has occurred is befuddling, given that the facts neither support the need nor benefit of state funding for private schools.

The Indiana School Boards Association, together with several other public education groups, urges legislators to build on the good budget passed in 2019 by providing adequate funding to address the teacher pay gap and a tuition support increase for public schools that keep pace with or exceeds, inflation. Choice Scholarship voucher expansion and the creation of Education Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) will cost an estimated \$144 million over the next two years, diminishing the monies available to traditional public schools. Despite serving less than five percent of Indiana K-12 students, funding for the

voucher program to pay for private education for eligible students will increase by more than 20 percent per year. The ESA program will be established at a projected cost of \$19 million during the 2022-2023 school year and will operate much like a health savings account, where certain parents receive state tax dollars they can use to enroll their child in private education and pay for qualified educational expenses. The ESA concept treats education as a commodity purchased by parents with little accountability to the public for use of these funds, rather than a public good or benefit to all taxpayers and residents of Indiana.

The diversion of money away from the more than 90 percent of all students whose families have chosen public education as their schools of choice means fewer funds for raising teacher pay. After his teacher compensation commission noted that Indiana has ranked last in the U.S. since 2001 for average annual teacher pay increases, the Governor in his State of the State speech advised legislators to avoid funding school choice expansion at the expense of the traditional public school system. The legislature is required by Article 8, Section 1, of the Indiana Constitution to provide, by law, for a general and uniform system of Common Schools, wherein tuition shall be without charge, and equally open to all. Open enrollment has led to more than 70,000 students this school year enrolling in another public school district outside of their district of residence. In comparison, the Choice Scholarship voucher program funds about 35,000 students, of which 61 percent of these students have never attended a public school.

Legislative proposals will make even more families eligible for state-funded tuition to attend a private school. How so?

Eligibility to receive a voucher would expand from 150 percent to 300 percent of the amount to qualify for the federal free or reduced-price meals program. The annual income limit for a household of five would jump generously from approximately \$85,000 to \$170,000 — more than twice Indiana's median family income of \$73,876. These families already have the means to afford private education.

Indiana citizens need to know that a majority of the private schools benefiting from the Choice Scholarship voucher program are concentrated in just four counties — Marion, Allen, St. Joseph and Lake. On the other hand, 33 counties have no private school voucher providers, and another 20 counties only have one such voucher school. Why are hundreds of millions of dollars going to support so few students that don't benefit all areas of the state, when K-12 public education in every county could be better funded?

Public schools are a pillar of our democracy and are the engines of opportunity for our citizenry. Public education remains necessary to produce a competitive workforce and catalyzes economic development and job growth. If the facts and statistics are compelling to you, please join the more than 170 school boards that have passed resolutions to express opposition to this agenda and ask your legislators to vote no to the expansion of private school choice.

Terry Spradlin is the executive director for the Indiana School Boards Association.

LETTERS

Increase federal and state standard income tax deductions

Standard deductions for federal and state income taxes need to be increased substantially as well as its cost of living, inflation increase. Why do lower- and middle-income taxpayers pay more in Indiana state taxes than USA federal taxes?

I paid \$381 more in Indiana income tax in 2018, \$448 more in 2019 and \$487 more in 2020 than I did in Federal tax because primarily the standard deduction is \$2,500 for my state which is not adjusted for inflation and \$13,600 for federal in 2018, \$13,850 in 2019 and \$14,050 in 2020 which is adjusted for inflation each year; but, at a standard rate. The Hendricks County tax rate was increased 3.3 percent for 2019 and 9.6 percent for 2020 that added to this increase. Also, we pay an Indiana sales tax of 7 percent to 9 percent, wheel taxes, property taxes, license taxes, gasoline taxes, gaming taxes, excise taxes, etc. Contact your governor, senators and state representatives.

**M. Brent Pittman
Brownsburg**

Please, Gov. Holcomb, veto Senate Bill 5

It now seems the Indiana Legislature is determined to pass Senate Bill 5, which is a direct response to actions taken by local health departments during the COVID-19 pandemic. We write this column to educate Hoosiers on the many dangers of SB 5 with a plea to Gov. Eric Holcomb that he veto the bill.

Our organizations represent more than 1,300 local health department employees and thousands of doctors, nurses, public health professionals and hospital leaders in Indiana.

Guided by facts, science and a single-minded mission to keep you and your community healthy, local public health officials and our hospital and clinical care partners take very seriously the responsibility to protect human health and the important balancing act between science, economic impact and personal freedoms.

Supporters of SB 5 have argued they intend to protect the rights of business owners and ensure economic health, but the reality is that weakening health oversight can have terrible impacts on local businesses by risking the health of the consumers and workers who keep those businesses operating.

While sometimes it may seem that public health is pitted against economic vitality, it is not health versus economy, but rather the long-term protection of economic success through smart, evidence-based strategies designed to reduce disease transmission with short-term protection strategies.

If SB 5 were to become law, Hoosiers should expect dangerous consequences on several fronts.

First, the bill gives politicians full control over major public health decisions, most of whom lack the expertise needed to properly engage in unusually complex public health subject and regulatory matters.

These elected officials would now be responsible for restaurants experiencing outbreaks of E. coli, norovirus and hepatitis A. They would be responsible for legionella in hospital settings, lead in our drinking water and deadly bacteria in our public swimming pools.

Another major concern is shifting local health enforcement appeals processes from courts to city and county boards. This would require significant additional infrastructure on the city and county level and would also add another, cumbersome layer for public health officials to navigate.

Even worse, until an appeal is heard by a city or county board, the entity in question would have an opportunity to remain open, even if it is not following health orders. With a process lasting potentially weeks or months, this provision alone could lead to catastrophic disease within a community.

SB 5 also prevents a local health department from implementing orders more restrictive than those issued by the Governor's Office, unless such orders are approved by a county executive or a combination of approval by a city legislative body or mayor.

Given the diversity of population density and different public health problems throughout our state, a one-size-fits-all strategy would do little to combat public health emergencies. Public health officials must have the ability to protect their communities by tailoring public health measures to the specific needs of the populations they serve.

These decisions must be made quickly and often with little time for preparation. Experience and expertise are critical to making the best decisions for our communities.

We must continue to trust data and science. The negative impacts of COVID-19 could and would have been much worse had it not been for the difficult decisions made by public health officials to protect their communities. We have accomplished a great deal.

SB 5 would most certainly threaten those accomplishments and expose Hoosiers to even greater harm in the future.

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LIFESTYLES



Photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Elevate this weeknight soup with orzo

The key ingredient in this simple and delicious soup is orzo. Orzo is the Italian word for barley, but names can be deceiving, because orzo is not a grain. And despite its rice shape, orzo is not rice, even though orzo is also known as risoni in Italy.

Confused? Don't be. Orzo is a pasta made from semolina flour, and when cooked it imparts a creamy texture to soups and pasta dishes – and yes, it can also stand in as a substitute for rice, or even as an addition to rice dishes, such as rice pilaf.

Lynda Balslev



There are a number of ways to prepare orzo, thanks to its shape. Prepare it as you would pasta, cooking in generously salted water until al dente and serving warm or in a salad. It can also be prepared in a method similar to risotto, where a cooking liquid, such as chicken stock, is gradually added while stirring the pasta until the liquid is absorbed before adding more. The result will be a creamy risotto-like pasta dish, thanks to the starch released from the pasta while stirring. Orzo can also be mixed into rice after toasting the grains first to release their flavor.

This easy weeknight soup is forgiving and welcomes any stray vegetables hungered in your refrigerator. It's a wonderful way to

use leftover chicken from a roasted or a store-bought bird. The addition of the orzo elevates it a notch, with the pasta's starch infusing the stock with a comforting richness.

Chicken Orzo Soup
Active Time: 25 minutes
Total Time: 25 minutes
Yield: Serves 4

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 carrot, thinly sliced
1 celery rib, thinly sliced
1 small bulb fennel, thinly sliced
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 cup orzo
6 cups chicken stock
2 cups shredded cooked chicken
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 to **2** tablespoons chopped Italian parsley leaves

Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion and saute until soft, about 3 minutes. Add the carrots, celery and fennel and saute until the vegetables are bright and crisp-tender, about 3 minutes more. Add the thyme and saute until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the orzo and stir to coat and lightly toast, about 1 minute.

Pour in the stock, bring to a boil, and simmer until the orzo is tender, about 10 minutes. Add the chicken, lemon juice, salt and pepper and simmer until the chicken is heated through. Taste for seasoning. Stir in the parsley and serve.

Online fitness classes go mainstream

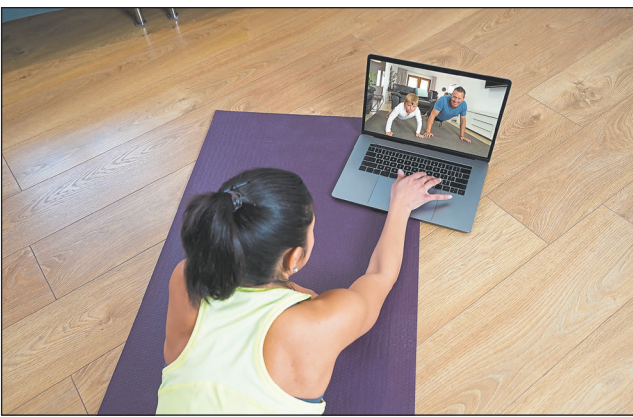
By **JEFF STRICKLER**
Star Tribune (TNS)

Last spring, when fitness clubs were ordered to close because of the pandemic, they started offering online classes as an option to their exercise-deprived clients. It was supposed to be a temporary fix, but it has become a long-term change in the way – and the places – that people work out.

Clubs are ramping up their online offerings to reach members who have realized that they like exercising at home.

“We took what we thought were lemons and made some pretty cool lemonade,” said Kyle Beste, vice president of fitness and nutrition for the Life Time fitness clubs. “What we thought was a stopgap solution has evolved into a new way of thinking about our business.”

By linking its clubs, Life Time is offering more than 600 livestreamed classes a week, with several hundred more available via on-demand recordings. As it ratchets up production, the company is eyeing as many as 1,000 livestreamed classes a week in everything from yoga to cycling, strength training to cardio workouts.



Sam Wordley / Dreamstime / TNS

Pandemic-fueled online fitness classes have brought on a long-term change in the way – and the places – that people work out.

“If the members want to take a thousand classes a week, we’ll give them to them,” he said.

Life Time is far from the only club making this move. The YMCA360 program offers a wide range of online programs, from its Silver Sneakers classes for senior citizens to kids’ yoga. National fitness chains like LA Fitness and Orangetheory also have jumped into livestreaming.

Technological innovations – including Zoom, YouTube and FaceTime – have opened the online door to small, independent clubs, as well. There even are individual trainers who’ve gotten into the act,

such as Minneapolis-based Kelsey Lindell, whose sessions are offered as part of the Shape Society Collective, a co-op fitness organization.

And it’s not just the clubs. The companies that make exercise equipment also offer streaming and on-demand classes. Peloton is perhaps the best known because of its advertising, but it has plenty of company, including Nordictrack and Bowflex.

Even fitness clothing companies have gotten into the market. Nike has launched its Training Club App. In addition to exercise classes, Reebok is offering wellness sessions. And the Mirror, recently purchased by Lulu-

lemon, offers real-time interactive training.

Of course, there also are the video offerings that were around before the pandemic but have stepped up production, including Crunch Fitness and Beach Body.

This is not strictly a U.S. phenomenon, either. A recent report by British-based AMA Research, which tracks trends in health care, said that interest in online fitness classes is growing worldwide and predicted that the gains will continue at least through 2025.

“Online fitness courses are rapidly gaining popularity due to the growing health awareness among the people, increased internet penetration and rise in smartphone users,” the report said. Everyone “from children to adults are taking huge interest in online fitness courses.”

One of the main motivators in Life Time’s surge in online classes was the realization that the landscape of the workaday world is changing.

Various economic analysts are predicting that even after the pandemic all-clear is sounded, many people will continue to work from home, at least part time. And that means that many people likely will continue to exercise from home.

The FDIC wants to make it easier for millions of ‘unbanked’ Americans to get their stimulus payments

One thing is clear after multiple rounds of pandemic-related stimulus payments: having a bank account helps deliver the money faster.

People who provided current bank account information to the IRS were among the first to receive direct deposit payments, which began arriving a year ago this month. Although glitches prevented some people with direct-deposit information on file with the IRS from getting their payments right away, electronic delivery decreased wait times exponentially. Direct deposit easily beat receiving a mailed check or prepaid debit card, which, with the slowdowns in the U.S. Postal Service, further increased the possibility of a delay.

Michelle Singletary



Millions of Americans conduct their day-to-day financial business outside the banking system, leaving many to be preyed upon by payday-loan companies or rent-to-own establishments. Or they end up paying unnecessary fees to cash checks.

For decades, various government agencies have struggled to persuade the most economically vulnerable households to open bank accounts. Nearly 95 percent of U.S. households – about 124 million – have either a bank or credit union account, according to the latest “How America Banks” report by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

But the other 7.1 million households don’t have bank accounts. Lower-income and minority populations are disproportionately represented among these unbanked households. Nearly 14 percent of Black and 12 percent of Hispanic households are unbanked, compared with 2.5 percent of White households, according to the report.

Given the economic and social disruptions caused by the pandemic, being able to conduct your financial business electronically is paramount.

“The pandemic is also presenting particular challenges to households that rely on paper instruments to conduct financial transactions; that need or want to visit bank branches; that do not have an adequate savings cushion; or that do not have access to responsible, affordable credit,” the FDIC report said.

Then there is the stimulus money. There is a population of people the government is trying to reach. They don’t receive federal benefits and typically don’t file a tax return. And many are unbanked, which means if and when the IRS finally gets a tax return for them to send a payment, the agency will have to mail them a check or prepaid debit card.

To make it easier for these households to get their stimulus funds, the FDIC has launched a public awareness campaign – #GetBanked – to persuade unbanked individuals of the benefits of having a bank account.

The campaign will run in Atlanta and Houston, where the FDIC says its research finds a disproportionately higher percentage of unbanked Black and Hispanic households.

This summer, more stimulus money is slated to be distributed by the IRS in the form of advance child tax credit payments. Having a bank account will speed up the payments.

President Joe Biden’s

\$1.9 trillion covid-related aid includes a substantial increase to the Child Tax Credit, which for the 2021 tax year expands to a fully refundable \$3,600 for children 5 and younger and \$3,000 for those ages 6 to 17.

The payments are slated to begin in July. The money is an advance, amounting to roughly half of the tax credit parents can claim when they file their federal returns next year. Having a bank account could mean fewer fees for people who need every dollar delivered to them by the IRS.

The administration wants to ensure unbanked households can get these supersized payments by direct deposit in time for the start of the summertime payments, said Leonard Chanin, deputy to the chairman for consumer protection and innovation at the FDIC.

“When you look more closely at which families are unbanked, the evidence shows a disturbing disparity,” Chanin said during a conference call about the #GetBanked initiative. “Simply stated, we have to do better.”

When asked, about half of unbanked households said they didn’t have an account because they didn’t believe they had enough money to meet minimum balance requirements. Others said they didn’t trust the financial institutions, Chanin said.

As part of the media campaign starting this week, the FDIC pointed to efforts to create no-cost or low-cost (as little as \$5 a month) banking accounts for people afraid that fees and other charges would create a financial burden. The accounts, offered at 75 banks and credit unions under a national initiative called “Bank On,” are designed especially for the unbanked. People can open an account for \$25 or less. Most importantly, with this type of account, overdraft or non-sufficient funds fees are not allowed. Transactions are declined if the funds are not in the account.

The national Bank On program is run by Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, which points out that in many states, check cashing fees can be as much as 2.5 percent of the check amount. So, cashing a \$5,600 stimulus check for a family of four in the latest round of relief (married couple with two dependents) would mean \$140 in fees.

You can learn about the accounts and the campaign by going to fdic.gov/getbanked. On the site, people can search for participating credit unions and banks offering the Bank On accounts.

“It really is an overlap between communities that are unbanked and those who are eligible for any federal financial assistance,” said Elizabeth Ortiz, the FDIC’s deputy director for consumer and community affairs in the division of depositor and consumer protection. “That also means there’s a disconnect when you want to give people the money they need quickly and safely.”

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

Indiana school voucher expansion rolled back in Senate plan

By **TOM DAVIES**
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A proposed expansion of Indiana’s private school voucher program would be scaled back under the new state budget plan from state Senate Republicans, while still boosting the program’s spending by about 25 percent.

The two-year state spending plan endorsed by a Senate committee Thursday faces more negotiations over the next two weeks, with the top House Republican intent on pushing for bigger voucher changes that could add several thousand more students to the program.

The Senate’s budget proposal would increase overall school funding by 1.2 percent the first year and about 3 percent the second year, slightly more than a plan the Republican-dominated House endorsed in February.

The Senate plan also directs nearly \$900 million in federal COVID-19 relief money toward several economic grant programs and one-time spending projects. It also drops a House-supported increase in the state’s cigarette tax while backing a new state tax on vaping products.

The Senate’s voucher plan is projected to cost an additional \$51 million over the

next two years – about one-eighth of the total \$408 million more the budget would allocate toward K-12 funding – by adding about 4,600 students, or 13 percent, to the program. The House proposal was projected to cost \$125 million with some 12,000 more voucher students.

Senate leaders had talked for weeks about limiting the voucher expansion cost.

“We felt that it was reasonable to increase it, but we wanted to maybe look at a more modest increase,” said Republican Sen. Eric Bassler of Washington.

Amid the voucher debate, Democratic senators lamented that the Republican spending plan did little to directly boost the state’s lagging teacher pay or take up recommendations from the teacher pay commission appointed by GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb.

Senate budget writers reduced the school voucher expansion by allowing for a smaller increase in the family income eligibility, which now stands at roughly \$96,000 a year for a family of four. The Senate would raise that limit to \$110,000 a year, down from the House’s proposed cap of \$145,000 in annual income.

Both plans would all those students to receive the full

voucher amount, rather than the current tiered system that limits full vouchers to such families with incomes of about \$48,000.

Republican House Speaker Todd Huston said House negotiators would be working to help senators “see the light” on the voucher expansion.

“I believe that parents should have a choice for their children and we will be consistent with that message at the negotiating table,” Huston said. “I would expect that we will be negotiating very aggressively around those provisions.”

The school voucher expansion has faced broad opposition from traditional public school supporters, with nearly 150 school boards across the state approving resolutions against it.

“We can’t get everything we want. We’ll lament anytime more money goes to choice scholarship vouchers,” said Terry Spradlin, executive director of the Indiana School Boards Association. “Overall, I think the Senate’s done a nice job, shifting priorities and re-prioritizing and balancing this budget to make sure K-12 public education benefits, as well, from the budget.”

The Senate didn’t embrace a new House-backed program allowing parents to

directly spend state money on their child’s education expenses. Those education savings accounts, costing \$19 million under the House plan, were cut to \$3 million and limited to the families of children with special needs in the Senate budget.

Other provisions in the Senate budget plan direct to various programs about one-third of the \$3 billion the state expects to receive from the latest federal coronavirus relief package. That includes \$250 million toward broadband internet expansion grants, \$150 million for a regional development program proposed by the governor, \$150 million for physical health and mental health program, \$60 million for small business grants and \$25 million toward police agencies buying officer body cameras.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ryan Mishler, a Republican from Bremen, said decisions might be made on spending more of that money before the Legislature’s final budget vote in about two weeks.

“I don’t think we spent it all because we still don’t know what’s ahead,” Mishler said. “I don’t think that’s wise to spend all of it now. We may have some issues we don’t even know about coming down the road.”

Lawmakers adopt penalties for failing to protect monuments

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Legislature passed a bill Thursday that allows the state to withhold funding to cities that fail to protect public monuments and memorials from vandalism, part of an attempt by Republican lawmakers to deter protests that have elevated since the death of George Floyd.

State agencies would be allowed to withhold certain discretionary funds from local governments that don’t prioritize the protection of certain facilities, monuments, memorials and statues, according to the legislation. State police would also be required to assist local governments when investigating people who desecrate any monuments and memorials.

“This is honestly a bill I hope never has to be used, and I hope not a single penny has to be held from a political subdivision,” said Republican Sen. Eric Koch, of Bedford. “But we hold certain monuments and ... memorials with very special significance.”

The Senate measure was amended by lawmakers in the House to also revive

language from another bill to make it easier to charge rioters with a felony.

Rioting is raised from a Class A misdemeanor to a level six felony, which carries a prison sentence of up to 2.5 years and a fine of up to \$50,000 if there’s resulting property damage or serious bodily injury, according to the provision.

The felony further increases to a level five – carrying one to six years in prison – if it results in catastrophic injury, death or damage of at least \$50,000.

The bill, which now heads to the governor, is part of a series introduced by Republican legislators that seek to increase penalties for rioting, vandalizing monuments, blocking emergency vehicles and violating curfews.

The proposals came in response to May 2020 protests against racial injustice and police brutality spurred by Floyd’s death in Minneapolis police custody. In Indianapolis, it resulted in several nights of sometimes violent protests, as well as clashes between demonstrators and police.

Calls to child abuse hotline down during pandemic

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The frequency of calls to Indiana’s child abuse and neglect hotline fell by more than 10 percent last year compared to the previous two years, and an expert said that may reflect the isolation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Indiana Department of Child Services hotline re-

ceived on average about 600 calls each business day in 2020, the agency said, compared with about 700 calls on average every business day in 2018 and 2019.

“A lot of times our report sources are people who see the kids every day, who notice a behavior change or who see a bruise that wasn’t there yesterday,” DCS fam-

ily case manager supervisor Lacy Mullenberg told The Indianapolis Star. “And then during the pandemic, we saw less kids in school, they weren’t having in-person doctor visits, they weren’t having in-person therapeutic visits.

“It doesn’t mean it’s not happening. It just means no one’s seeing it,” Mullenberg

said.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Indiana law requires every adult who suspects abuse or neglect is occurring to report it to authorities. Call 911 or the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-800-5556. The hotline is available 24/7 and reports can be made anonymously.

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Sealed bids for the Snow Removal Equipment Building project will be received by the Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners at the Wabash Municipal Airport, Terminal Building, 283 West 400 South, Wabash, Indiana 46992, until 11:00 a.m. local time Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 at which time and place all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after the designated time set will be returned unopened. A pre-bid conference for this project will not be held. The Contract Documents, including drawings and specifications may be viewed at the following locations:
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Electronic copies of the documents may be obtained at no charge. Hard copies may be purchased for a NON-REFUNDABLE fee of \$100.00 for each paper copy of the documents requested. Please place an order through the Engineer, Hanson Professional Services, Inc, 6510 Telecom Drive, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN, 46278, (317) 803-8964.
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NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:
Goals for minority participation for each trade: Wabash County, IN. 3.7%
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The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.
3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographic area in which the subcontract is to be performed.
4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Indiana, Wabash County, Wabash. The Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprise will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners, or a satisfactory bid bond, executed by the Bidder and an approved surety company in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid proposal. Contractors awarded a contract will be required to furnish acceptable surety bonds in the amount of 100% of the awarded contract price. Said performance and material and payment bond shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months.
BY: Wabash Board of Aviation Commissioners, Wabash, Indiana.
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The Town of Roann is applying for finance assistance with a USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant. We will be accepting bids for a New Town Truck. Bid Specs are available at the Town Hall 110 North Chippewa St Roann, Indiana 46974. Also, a public meeting will be held to discuss the grant and the bids received on April 20, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Roann Town Hall 110 North Chippewa St Roann, Indiana

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR
M.S.D. OF WABASH COUNTY
WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of School Trustees of the M.S.D. of Wabash County (the "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the Reroofing at Northfield & Southwood Jr./Sr. High Schools.
Bids will be accepted at the M.S.D. of Wabash County Administration Office, 204 North 300 West, Wabash, Indiana, until 2:00 p.m.. (local time), on May 4, 2021. Bids will be opened and tabulated at that time in the Board Room. A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Northfield Jr./Sr. High School in the Auditorium. All bidding and construction shall be in accordance with construction documents prepared by Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, Architect and Engineers, Inc., which can be obtained from the office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa. Call 260/489-9079 (office of Barton-Coe-Vilamaa) to request an invitation to receive digital access to the bidding documents. Bidders will be required to file, with their bids, a certified check made payable to the M.S.D. of Wabash County or a Bid Bond for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of their maximum bid or bids. Should a successful bidder withdraw its bid, or fail to execute a satisfactory Contract, M.S.D. of Wabash County may then declare the bid deposit or bid bond to be forfeited as liquidated damages. Each successful bidder shall be required to furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond which cover faithful performance of the contract and the payment of all obligations arising thereunder. A Maintenance Bond shall also be required. Said bonds shall remain in full force and effect for twelve months from the substantial completion of the Work. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with the conditions for bidding, provided the bid is reasonable and it is to the best interest of the Owner to accept it. The Owner reserves the right to reject the bid of any or all bidder in accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-12. Bids not reaching said office by 2:00 p.m., on May 4, 2021 will not be opened and will be returned unopened to the original bidder.
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Luann Layman, Treasurer, Wabash County

| | | 001 - CHESTR TWP | 002 - N MAN | 003 - LAGR TWP | 004 - LAGR CORP | 005 - LIBTY TWP | 006 - LAFONTN CORP | 007 - NOBLE TWP | 008 - WAB- NBLE | 009 - WAB CORP | 010 - PAW- PAW | 011 - ROANN CORP | 012 - PLESNT TWP | 013 - WALTZ TWP |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| COUNTY | Co. Cumulative Capital Dev | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 | 0.0328 |
| | County General | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 | 0.3383 |
| | County Health | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 | 0.0150 |
| | Cumulative Bridge | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 | 0.0223 |
| | Reassessment | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 | 0.0033 |
| | Total | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 | 0.4117 |
| | Township Assistance | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0152 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0074 | 0.0000 |
| | Township Cumulative Fire | 0.0132 | 0.0000 | 0.0319 | 0.0000 | 0.0145 | 0.0000 | 0.0199 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0133 | 0.0000 | 0.0134 | 0.0000 |
| | Township Fire Equip. Debt | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0196 | 0.0000 |
| | Township Fire fighting | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1721 | 0.0000 | 0.0418 | 0.0000 | 0.0592 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0229 | 0.0000 | 0.0645 | 0.0159 |
| TOWNSHIP | Township General | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0152 | 0.0000 | 0.0273 | 0.0000 | 0.0173 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0374 | 0.0000 | 0.0074 | 0.0160 |
| | Township Library General | 0.0070 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Township Recreation | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0057 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Total | 0.0202 | 0.0000 | 0.2344 | 0.0000 | 0.0836 | 0.0000 | 0.0964 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0793 | 0.0000 | 0.1123 | 0.0319 |
| | School Bus Replacement | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Operations | 0.5211 | 0.5211 | 0.5859 | 0.5859 | 0.5859 | 0.5859 | 0.5859 | 0.5859 | 0.8328 | 0.5859 | 0.5859 | 0.5211 | 0.5859 |
| | School Debt Service | 0.5344 | 0.5344 | 0.2918 | 0.2918 | 0.2918 | 0.2918 | 0.2918 | 0.2918 | 0.8164 | 0.2918 | 0.2918 | 0.5344 | 0.2918 |
| | School Pension Debt | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Education | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Total | 1.0555 | 1.0555 | 0.8777 | 0.8777 | 0.8777 | 0.8777 | 0.8777 | 0.8777 | 1.6492 | 0.8777 | 0.8777 | 1.0555 | 0.8777 |
| SCHOOL | Library General | 0.0000 | 0.1942 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1882 | 0.1882 | 0.0463 | 0.0463 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Total | 0.0000 | 0.1942 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1882 | 0.1882 | 0.0463 | 0.0463 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| LIBRARY | Corporation Aviation | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0502 | 0.0502 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Corporation Cum Capital Dev | 0.0000 | 0.0443 | 0.0000 | 0.0489 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Corporation Cum Fire | 0.0000 | 0.0277 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0286 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Corporation Debt Service | 0.0000 | 0.1452 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Corporation Fire Fighting | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.1793 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Corporation General | 0.0000 | 0.6191 | 0.0000 | 1.2621 | 0.0000 | 0.3716 | 0.0000 | 1.4445 | 1.4445 | 0.0000 | 1.3236 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Corporation Parks & Rec. | 0.0000 | 0.4600 | 0.0000 | 0.2326 | 0.0000 | 0.0811 | 0.0000 | 0.1439 | 0.1439 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Corporation Street(MVH) | 0.0000 | 0.1674 | 0.0000 | 0.0869 | 0.0000 | 0.6468 | 0.0000 | 0.4737 | 0.4737 | 0.0000 | 0.0281 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Total | 0.0000 | 1.4637 | 0.0000 | 1.6305 | 0.0000 | 1.3074 | 0.0000 | 2.1123 | 2.1123 | 0.0000 | 1.3517 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Township Assistance | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0152 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| CITY/TOWN | Township General | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0152 | 0.0000 | 0.0273 | 0.0000 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0000 | 0.0374 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Township Recreation | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0057 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
| | Total | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0304 | 0.0000 | 0.0273 | 0.0000 | 0.0173 | 0.0173 | 0.0000 | 0.0431 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 |
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| Total Tax Rate | 1.4874 | 3.1251 | 1.5238 | 2.9503 | 1.3730 | 2.6241 | 1.3858 | 3.6072 | 4.3787 | 1.4150 | 2.7305 | 1.5795 | 1.3213 |
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STATE OF INDIANA, WABASH COUNTY SS:
I, Marcie Shepherd, Auditor of Wabash County, hereby certify that the above is a correct copy of all taxes levied for the taxes collectible in the year 2021.
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Marcie Shepherd, Wabash County Auditor
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 **Sweetwater Assembly of God**, 2551 SR 114 E, North Manchester. (260) 982-6179. Sunday worship 9am & 10:45am. Sunday evening outreach groups & youth ministry 5-7pm. Wednesday 6:30pm adult/teen bible study, 6:30pm Kidz Zone (K thru 6th grade). All worship services streaming online and on our Facebook page.


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Emmanuel Free Will Baptist, 129 Southwood Drive. Pastor Terry Hinds. (260) 563-3009. Sunday School 9:30am. Sunday Worship 10:30am & 6pm; Children's Church 10:30am. Wednesday morning prayer service 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm. Transportation available. Sunday worship services streaming on our Facebook page

Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses will resume, with safety restrictions, beginning May 23-24, 2020. Everyone attending Mass must wear a face mask. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro, Welcomes You Back! New Service Time 11:00 AM Sunday, October 4, Sunday November 1 and Sunday December 6. In keeping with COVID-19 State Rules, please wear a mask and socially distance. Let Us Worship Together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

LaFontaine Christian Church, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine. Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

CHURCH OF CHRIST

 **Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.


CHURCH OF GOD

First Church of God, 525 N. Miami Street. Pastor Robert Rensberger. (260) 563-5346. Sunday School at 9:15am, for all ages. Continental breakfast at 10am. Sunday Morning Worship is at 10:30am. Nursery care is available during worship service. Stair lift available.


CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus... Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Rev. Haley Asberry, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on Facebook. Services streaming on our website and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN


Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST

 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.

 **Roann United Methodist Church**, Corner of Adams and Arnold Street, Roann. Pastor Wayne Balmer. (765) 833-2931. Worship Celebration 9am. Sunday School 10:15am.





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
EASTER



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Salvation is ours because of Christ's crucifixion upon the cross. He died so that we could be forgiven. Salvation is God's gift to us; in return we can grow in wisdom and in the Spirit and spread God's love to others. In 1 John 4:16-17, we read, "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way love is made complete among us." This Easter, accept God's gift of love and share it with joy!

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| Luke | Luke | Jonah | Jonah | Jonah | Jonah | Hosea |
| 24:13-35 | 24:36-53 | 1:1-17 | 2:1-10 | 3:1-10 | 4:1-11 | 1:1-2:1 |

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